

What is claimed is:

1. An auxiliary tool for examination of a biopsy specimen, comprising a plate and a cover,  
each of which is in a gel form to allow for flowing in and out of a solvent,  
wherein the plate is equipped with at least one depression provided on a surface thereof as a  
5 space into which a biopsy specimen is introduced; and  
the cover is equipped with at least one projection provided on a surface thereof for covering  
the depression of the plate by being inserted thereinto.
2. The auxiliary tool for examination of a biopsy specimen as set forth in claim 1, wherein  
the plate and the cover each are made of agarose, agar or gelatin.
- 10 3. An embedding block comprising the auxiliary tool for examination of a biopsy specimen  
according to claim 1 or 2.
4. A method of preparing a histological or cytological preparation for a biopsy specimen,  
comprising:
  - (a) introducing the biopsy specimen into the plate of the auxiliary tool for examination of  
15 the biopsy specimen according to claim 1 or 2;
  - (b) placing the cover of the auxiliary tool for examination of the biopsy specimen according  
to claim 1 or 2 onto an upper portion of the plate into which the biopsy specimen has been introduced  
at step (a);
  - (c) adding a wax to an assembly of the plate into which the biopsy specimen has been  
20 introduced and the cover, which has been obtained at step (b), and covering the assembly with a  
cassette to provide an embedding block; and
  - (d) sectioning the embedding block obtained at step (c) using a tissue microtome to provide  
a section containing the biopsy specimen.